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The News Condensed.

Important Intelligence From All Parts.

DOMESTIC.

The visible supply of grain in the United States on the 17th was: Wheat, 69,214,000 bushels; corn, 4,110,000 bushels; oats, 8,231,000 bushels; rye, 312,000 bushels; barley, 1,628,000 bushels.

POLICE JUSTICE COONEY, of Dubuque, Ia., was attacked and terribly beaten by a prisoner on whom he had just passed sentence.

The world's bicycle record, 12:39, in a 5-mile competition road race was broken in Chicago by Tracy Holmes, who ran over the course in 12:30.

ONE man was killed and three fatally injured by the premature explosion of a blast at a colliery at Hazleton, Pa. At Pittsburgh Harry C. Tyler, of Springfield, Mass., lowered the mile bicycle record for a quarter-mile track to 2:08.

An order for the transfer of more than half the regiments of the army to new posts was issued by Gen. Schofield.

UNKNOWN persons entered the circuit courtroom at Owensboro, Ky., and every indictment found at the recent term of court was stolen and torn to fragments.

SINCE the inauguration of the present administration at Washington 1,597,283 silver dollars have been coined.

A HURRICANE swept through the towns of Mining and Jennings, in Oklahoma, and nearly every house in both towns was laid low and a young woman and two children were killed and others wounded.

AT North End, O. T., the Arlington hotel and eight of the most substantial business buildings were destroyed by an incendiary fire.

The sixty-fourth annual assembly of the grand council Royal and Select Masons opened in Columbus, O.

HANDS made an unsuccessful attempt to wreck the Chicago express of the Big Four at Hazelrigg, Ind.

The seventieth annual session of the sovereign grand lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows convened at Chattanooga, Tenn.

DURING a fit of insanity Mrs. Abraham Wiser, of Marshall, Ill., threw hot water on her husband, causing his death.

JAMES W. PERRY, who captured the conspirator who had been detailed to kill Vice President Johnson in 1865, died at his home near Darnestown, Md.

THE Logansport (Ind.) presbytery resolved to establish at Cedar Lake a resort similar to the Chautauquan assembly in New York.

MARSHALL CORRY, a prominent farmer, and his wife and 18-year-old daughter were killed by lightning at Owingsville, Ky.

ELLIOTT defeated Carver by one bird in the concluding shoot of the series at Kansas City, thus regaining his title of champion.

JOHN W. STEBBINS, of Maryland, was elected grand sire of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows at their meeting in Chattanooga, Tenn.

ARMED guards frustrated an attempt to hold up a Santa Fe express train near Gorin, Mo. Engineer Prescott was wounded and one of the robbers fatally shot.

THE National Association of Letter Carriers of the United States met in fifth annual convention at Cleveland.

MRS. HELEN L. GRIER, charged with poisoning her sixth husband, was found guilty at Spokane, Wash., of murder in the second degree.

THE German coke workers of Pennsylvania have resolved to remove to Douglas county, Wis., and take up farms.

ADA JONES, a young society woman of Seymour, Ind., after a short interview with her lover, in which their marriage was declared off, shot herself dead.

JACOB LEVY committed suicide in St. Louis in order that his family might be provided for by the insurance on his life.

AT the annual meeting in Harrisburg of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen Frank P. Sargent was elected grand master.

LAFAYETTE PRINCE, a wealthy farmer living near Cleveland, O., killed his wife with an ax and then cut his own throat.

DANIEL C. OSMUN, of Chicago, was united in Jersey City, N. J., to Mrs. M. D. Powers, whose parents had prevented their marriage thirty-five years ago.

TWENTY-FIVE children were made ill at Hazleton, Pa., by eating candy in which coloring matter had been used and it was feared four would die.

REPRESENTATIVES of the boards of public works of many of the principal cities met at Buffalo, N. Y., and effected a national organization.

LOUISIANA sugar planters applied for a mandamus against Secretary Carlisle to compel the inspection of sugar plantations.

ACCORDING to data compiled by the inter-state commerce commission eighteen countries own and operate railways.

PERRY COOK, suspected of stealing horses, was lynched by farmers near Lincoln, O. T.

ROBERT CLEMENS and James Hullen fought a duel with knives at Blackville, Ga., and both were mortally wounded.

DAVID GOOSBY (colored), who assaulted and killed a girl at Thomasville, Ga., confessed and was lynched.

ALIX dethroned Nancy Hanks as queen of the trotting turf by reeling off a mile in 2:03 1/2 at Galesburg, Ill.

SUPERVISING ARCHITECT O'ROURKE has resigned, in obedience to the request of Secretary Carlisle.

A MESSAGE was signaled by heliograph from Mount Uncampahgre, Col., to Mount Ellen, Utah, 188 miles, breaking all records.

WILSON WOODLEY, one of the conspirators in the Grant assassination, was hanged at Montgomery, Ala.

L. C. WEIR, of Cincinnati, was elected president of the Adams Express company at a meeting of the board of directors in New York.

JOHN POYNTER was hanged at Fort Smith, Ark., for murdering William Bolding and Ed von der Ver on December 25, 1891, in the Indian country.

It was claimed that adventurers were destroying all the animals in Alaska by the indiscriminate use of poison.

At Galesburg, Ill., directly paced a mile in 2:07 1/2, reducing the 2-year-old record from 2:09.

The United States veterinary convention at Philadelphia condemned the docking of horses' tails.

INDUSTRIOUS hammering by bears forced December wheat options in New York to 58 1/2 cents, a new low record.

The ready-made clothing industry in Boston was paralyzed by a strike of the operatives, involving 5,500 employees.

The locomotive firemen in convention at Harrisburg, Pa., agreed not to strike as long as contracts were not violated.

It was discovered that the present tariff law makes no provision for a duty upon preserved fruits.

BISHOP MAES suspended the Catholic young men's institute of Covington, Ky., for dispensing beer at a recent picnic.

GEORGE SMOUS was hanged in the jail at Pittsburgh, Pa., for murdering his wife and two children.

NEW YORK physicians were puzzled over the case of a woman weighing ninety-eight pounds, but who could not be lifted against her will.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows in session at Chattanooga decided to admit women to the order.

The Reaves Warehouse company at Savannah, Ga., failed for \$300,000.

THERE were 212 business failures in the United States in the seven days ended on the 31st, against 207 the week previous and 321 in the corresponding time in 1893.

WILLIAM LOBBETTER, a farmer, and J. H. Clayton, an engineer, living near St. Clair, Mo., were arrested for counterfeiting silver dollars.

EDMONA ANDERSON and Irene Washington, two octoroons, fought a duel with knives at Swift, Ala., and both were killed.

The New York constitutional convention adopted a civil service amendment recommending old soldiers for office.

THE exchanges at the leading clearing houses in the United States during the week ended on the 21st aggregated \$900,287,045, against \$853,268,145 the previous week. The decrease, compared with the corresponding week in 1893, was 12.0.

A TRAIN struck a buggy at London, O., and Mrs. H. L. Jewell, of Greeley Col., was killed, and Mabel and Helen Stutz were fatally injured.

A CYCLONE which swept northern Iowa and southern Minnesota killed two persons at Emmetsburg, Ia., and three at Leroy, Minn. Dodge center and Lowther, in Minnesota, were devastated.

CHARLES E. NORRIS, wanted at Pearl, Tex., for a murder committed ten years ago, was arrested in Chicago.

A COMPANY has been incorporated at Columbus, O., to build an electric road from Pittsburgh to Chicago and to furnish heat and light to towns along the line.

C. A. JONES, a La Grange (Ind.) business man convicted of assault on a little girl, was found dead in his cell from poison.

C. H. BLAKELY, of Chicago, was elected president of the United Typothetae at the Philadelphia meeting.

BRECKINRIDGE'S son attempted to pick a quarrel with Judge Kinkaid at Lexington, Ky., and made an attack with a knife on a former friend who had supported Owens.

CAVING of the earth from some unknown cause created great excitement among farmers in the vicinity of Wichita, Kan.

IN the supreme court at Boston an injunction to prevent the sugar trust doing business in the state was refused.

THE Commercial bank at Weeping Water, Neb., closed its doors with deposits of \$26,000 and \$30,000 in loans.

FRANCIS M. LOGGAN, aged 30, a firebug and proud of it, went to the state penitentiary from Kansas City, Mo., for five years for setting fire to the yards of the Kansas City Lumber company. He volunteered the statement that he had been causing big fires in all parts of the United States and Canada for many years.

A RAIN and hailstorm did great damage throughout central Iowa. At Knoxville the storm was especially severe.

JOHN and Jasper Atkins (white) were hanged at Winnebago, S. C., for the murder of William Camp.

THE cattlemen and Cheyenne Indians near Woodward, O. T., were at war and the settlers in the vicinity were moving their effects into town and the citizens were arming.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.
In convention at Saratoga Springs the republicans of New York nominated Levi P. Morton for governor.

The platform arraigns the democratic administration for its Hawaiian policy, its treatment of old soldiers, and says the most important achievement, the tariff bill, has been fitly characterized by the chief executive as one of perfidy and dishonor. An international agreement which shall result in the use of both gold and silver as a circulating medium is favored.

CORRECTED and official returns from the eight counties of the Ashland (Ky.) district show a plurality of 310 for Owens for congress over Breckinridge.

WILLIAM JEFFERSON, a colored man who claimed to have been 110 years old, died in Champaign, Ill.

EX-SENATOR O. V. COFFIN, of Middletown, was nominated for governor by the Connecticut republican convention at Hartford.

The following congressional nominations were made: Michigan, Nineteenth district, W. L. Churchill (dem.); Missouri, Fifth district, J. C. Tarsney (dem.) renominated. New Jersey, Second district, J. J. Gardner (rep.) renominated. Pennsylvania, First district, H. N. Bingham (rep.) renominated; Second, R. Adams, Jr., (rep.) renominated; Third, F. K. Halterman (rep.); Fourth, John Reybun (rep.) renominated; Fifth, A. C. Harmer (rep.) renominated.

Ohio democrats in convention at Columbus nominated Milton Turner for secretary of state and J. D. Ermiston for supreme court judge. The platform endorses the administration of the president, declares protection a fraud, and favors the unlimited coinage of silver at the legal ratio of 16 to 1 and with equal legal tender power.

BLAKELY DURANT, better known as "Old Shady," who was the body servant of Gen. Sherman during the war, died at Grand Forks, N. D.

MRS. CATHARINE RAINAN, aged 103 years, died at the home of her son near Amite City, La.

TILLAMANITES were in the majority in the South Carolina democratic convention at Columbia and John G. Evans was nominated for governor.

MILTON F. JORDAN, of Barry county, democratic nominee for lieutenant governor of Michigan, has declined.

The following nominations for congress were made: Minnesota, Third district, J. P. Heatwole (rep.); Nebraska, First district, Mayor Weir (dem.); Tennessee, Fourth district, J. H. Denton (rep.); Pennsylvania, First district, D. J. Callahan (dem.); Second, Max Herzberg (dem.); Third, J. P. McCullen (dem.); Fourth, G. Muller (dem.); Fifth, David Moffet (dem.); Twentieth, T. J. Burke (dem.).

MRS. AMY FURCH-MADL, the noted opera singer, died in Warrenville, N. J. She was about 50 years old.

The republicans of the First district of Michigan nominated John B. Corliss for congress, and W. C. Robinson was nominated by the populists in the Third district of Alabama.

FOREIGN.

THE Japanese gained a decisive victory at Ping Yang, 10,000 of the Chinese force of 20,000 being killed, wounded or missing, while the Japanese loss was trifling.

ALEXANDER L. POLLER, American consul general at San Salvador, died there from yellow fever.

The official report of the French wheat crop of 1894 shows a total of 151,002,781 hectolitres, against 97,792,080 hectolitres last year.

GEN. WILLIAM BOOTH, who founded the Salvation Army, arrived at St. Johns, N. F. He will visit all large cities in Canada and the United States during the next six months.

NINETEEN Japanese and fourteen Chinese warships took part in a battle in Yalu bay, and 2,500 men were killed or drowned.

GRECIAN brigands captured a judge and his assistant near Lama, on the Turkish frontier, and killed them.

NATIVES of Madagascar expect war with France and are actively engaged in arming and fortifying themselves.

SPAIN is endeavoring to negotiate a new reciprocal treaty with the United States.

The United States consul at Hamburg has been instructed to detain all immigrants to America from East and West Prussia, Posen and Silesia during the prevalence of cholera in those districts.

DR. RAFAEL NUÑEZ, president of the republic of Colombia, died at Colon of gastric fever.

LATER.

ON the 22d the district committee of the Ashland congressional district in Kentucky met at Frankfort, and, after canvassing the returns of the late election, declared William C. Owens the candidate of the party for congress from that district. Col. Breckinridge presented a protest, but declined to contest the election of Mr. Owens.

THE associated banks of New York city issued the following statement for the week ended the 23d: Reserve, increase, \$20,975; loans, increase, \$2,723,200; legal tenders, decrease, \$227,700; specie, increase, \$574,100; deposits, increase, \$1,293,700; circulation, increase, \$369,700.

THE new revenue cutter Calumet, which is intended for duty in and about Chicago harbor, started on her trial trip from Buffalo, N. Y., on the 22d, the course being down the river and around Grand Island. The officials appeared to be satisfied with the action of the boat.

THE Westminster (London) Gazette publishes a dispatch announcing the safe arrival at Port Arthur of the Chinese transports from which troops were being landed at the mouth of the Yalu river when the attack was made by the Japanese fleet on the 17th.

THE Grand View hotel at Atlantic Highlands, N. J., was totally destroyed by fire on the 22d. The night watchman, John Rise, and the other occupants, Hugh McConnell, wife and child, narrowly escaped with their lives. Insurance, \$50,000.

EIGHT negro men started across the Ohio river at Pomeroy, O., on the 22d, in a boat rowed by a white man. When in mid-river the boat sank and six of the negroes were drowned.

UP to the 15th over 1,400 Hawaiian voters had registered on Oahu island. Most of the natives still believe that the queen will be restored, and will hang them if they register.

DANIEL M. ROBERTSON, of New Bedford, Mass., was sentenced in the supreme court, on the 23d, to be hanged on December 14 for the murder of his wife in 1893.

THE Brazilian minister of finance cabled to London, on the 22d, a denial of the report that the Brazilian government intends to issue a \$2,000,000 loan.

ON the 22d the sugar planters' convention of the first congressional district of Louisiana nominated ex-Naval Officer H. P. Kernaghan for congress.

IT is hinted that President Nunez of Colombia was done to death by poison.

MINISTER L. A. THURSTON left Honolulu for Washington on the 15th.

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Postmaster Thomas Esronated.
The grand jury of Jasper county made the following report in the Thomas case:

"We, the members of the grand jury, respectfully show to the court that we have diligently inquired into the charges made in the public press and otherwise against B. F. Thomas in connection with the charges made against Mrs. Russell, and we find that said charges are not sustained in evidence."

This was signed by every member of the jury. A special from Carthage says: "Mr. Thomas is the newly-appointed postmaster, and those favoring his opponent in the race and others, for various reasons, used the sensational charges, hoping to secure his removal. It is expected that this action of the jury will influence the post-office department in its decision of the case now under consideration."

Henry County Justice.
Swift justice was meted out at Clinton the other day in the circuit court by J. Cashman and Sutton, who assaulted E. R. Lingle and wife. The assault was committed 4 miles west of Clinton. Sutton and Cashman were in jail before midnight, a grand jury was summoned the next morning, and the following morning returned two indictments against them. They pleaded guilty to the charge of assault, and were given the full penalty of the law, which is five years in the penitentiary, in less than forty-eight hours after the crime was committed.

Dropped Dead.
Hon. Joseph Standlee, of Stone county, dropped dead of heart failure at Viola. Mr. Standlee represented Stone county in the legislature in 1888, and was a candidate before the republican primaries this year. At the time of his attack he was conversing with Judge R. H. Landrum, of Mount Vernon, republican candidate for the state senate, who was canvassing Barry county, and was apparently in his usual health.

Youthful Burglars.
Four negro boys and a girl, ranging from 9 to 15 years of age, were arrested at Lamar, and taken to Springfield, for burglary and safe breaking at Springfield. It is said the negroes took \$500 in cash, most of which had been spent before they were captured. They entered the store of the Devore Fruit Co. for the purpose of stealing bananas, but finding the safe unlocked pried open the steel money drawer with a chisel.

Fell Beneath the Wheels.
At Holden A. C. Myers, aged about 26, who was beating his way from Kidderville, Kas., to the home of his sister at Owsley, a small town in eastern Johnson county, while endeavoring to get on the trucks lost his balance and fell under the train. Both legs and one arm were mangled so as to necessitate amputation. The poor fellow died.

Shot by a Rejected Lover.
Because Miss Elira Morton rejected the hand of Will Bolton, the latter, after brooding over the matter for a week, met her at her home near Hume, Bates county, and shot her three times, the bullets all entering the body and causing fatal wounds. Bolton tried to shoot himself, but his nerve failed him, and he stole a horse and escaped.

Had a Circus at Home.
Charles Long and his father-in-law, Dell Jennings, had a dispute at their home, as to which should take in the circus. Long knocked Jennings down with a chair and the latter used a butcher knife, carving his son-in-law so badly that he will die. Neither saw the circus.

On Account of a Balking Horse.
Wm. George received a balking horse in a trade with Patrick McBride, near Rulo, Buchanan county, and because McBride would not take the animal back shot him three times. The last bullet entered McBride's right lung, making a fatal wound. George made his escape. Both men are farmers.

Reward for an Embezzler.
Gov. Stone has offered a reward of \$200 for the arrest and conviction of C. W. White, formerly circuit clerk and recorder of Texas county. White got away with \$4,000 or \$5,000 of fees, which should have gone into the state and county treasury, and is now a fugitive from justice.

A Wealthy Farmer's Sudden Death.
Michael See, one of the largest land owners in Montgomery county, fell dead of apoplexy. He was 60 years old, and had a large family of children. His home farm consisted of 2,500 acres of fine prairie land, well stocked with high-bred horses and cattle.

Masonic School of Instruction.
The masonic school of instruction with Clay Lodge of Excelsior Springs Grand Master Keene says was the most enthusiastic and best attended school he has presided over this year. There were nearly 100 visitors from neighboring lodges present.

Hinten Indicted for Murder.
The grand jury found a true bill against Henry C. Hinten for the killing of Druggist W. H. Houghland, near Benton City, Audrain county, on the night of September 1. Hinten at the preliminary trial was held for the grand jury in the sum of \$5,000.

Fell from the Roof of a House.
Rev. William Mossbarger, aged 60, a well-known Adventist minister of Vernon county, while assisting in shingling a house, slipped and fell 15 feet, injuring himself internally; so "that he will die."

Charges Against Warden Pace.
A discharged employe of the penitentiary charges Warden Pace with malfeasance, which the warden denies. An investigation is promised.

No Cigarettes on Trains.
A fight against the sale of cigarettes, which has been pushed lately at Springfield, will now be put in force on all trains passing through the district.

Why She Ended Her Life.
Because she was a cripple and had long endured pain, Philippa Roth, an aged spinster, committed suicide at Kansas City by drowning in a well.

MISSOURI CULLINGS.

Centralia has an opera house assured.
Annie Baxter is the name of a Joplin street.

Salisbury's water-works will cost \$15,000.
A new bank has been organized at Russellville.

The Colored Baptist association met at Salisbury.
Calloway county has an apple tree fifty years old.

Salisbury voted for water-works by a large majority.
There is an epidemic of horse stealing near Hannibal.

Champ Clark will make ninety-three speeches in his district.
"Aunt" Dice Walker, colored, of Trenton, is 113 years old.

Large numbers of immigrants are settling in Taney county.
The Sedalia base-ball club is torn with internal dissensions.

Mrs. Cousins, of Gorin, Scotland county, attempted suicide.
William Patrick and Miss Bertha Lewis were married at Sedalia.

Sidney L. Brock and Miss Jennie Wardell were married at Macon.
Marshall feels confident of getting the Odd Fellows' orphan asylum.

Charles E. Breeding and Miss Annie Lower were married at Hannibal.
A Knights of Pythias lodge is to be organized at Hume, Bates county.

The cry of overcrowded schools is heard in nearly every town in the state.
The Fifth district W. C. T. U. held its second annual convention at Maitland.

Corn in Carroll county grows so high that farmers must stand on barrels to reach it.
Mexico has a home talent dramatic company which amuses the neighboring towns.

The Moberly Bachelors' Specialty company will reorganize for the coming season.
Little Hattie Shorty, of Saline county, was thrown out of a buggy and instantly killed.

A wolf attacked and seriously injured Henry Loux's little daughter, near Mayville.
Gov. Stone has appointed Arthur Bratton commissioner of public schools of Boone county.

Joseph Baldwin, an old Missouri school teacher, is one of the faculty of Texas university.
Lonia Carrington, of Fulton county, thought she was hoodooed and was sent to the asylum.

Miss Linda Sullenger, of Mexico, and Mr. E. H. Bruce, of Fort Smith, Ark., were married recently.
John Beatty, a teamster, fell beneath the wheels of his wagon at St. Joseph, and was fatally injured.

The largest wheat crop in northeast Missouri is that on the Estec farm in Pike county, 18,000 bushels.
Herrmann Reinke, a St. Joseph newspaper man, pleaded guilty to blackmail. Sentence was reserved.

A surveying party to survey the new line from Springfield to Harrisonville, Ark., started out a few days ago.
Elder Sommers, who has been conducting a revival at Centralia, denounced base ball and its devotees.

A colored preacher of Monroe City preached a sermon against marble playing from the text "marvel not."
Wm. Richardson, of Hazel Run, killed an eagle which measured six feet one inch from tip to tip of the wings.

Scotland county shipped 3,350 head of cattle and 14,450 hogs in 1893, according to the state report recently published.
Frederick Gross, a prosperous German farmer of Johnson county, has been adjudged insane and sent to the St. Joseph lunatic asylum.

The subject at the next meeting of the Valle Mines Debating society is: "Resolved that a printing press is more useful than a locomotive."
A thief broke into A. S. Kemper's house near Prairie City, Bates county, and stole thirty-five cents, overlooking \$95 in bills which lay concealed in the same trunk.

The famous Catron will ease was given to the jury at Marshall, and they returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff, Mrs. Evaline McFadden. The case will be appealed.
W. F. Halle, a young man, committed suicide at Piedmont by shooting. He proved to be a brother-in-law to Merrill Pipkin, prosecuting attorney of St. Francois county. Mr. Pipkin identified the body.

The following appointments were recently made by Gov. Stone: Charles D. McKay, circuit clerk of DeKalb county, vice H. J. Whitesell, deceased; Charles J. Harrison, assessor of St. Clair county, vice Joseph Meeks, deceased.

In the circuit court at Carthage Lizzie Christy, an attractive girl of modest manners, pleaded guilty to stealing a horse, buggy and harness at Webb City last summer, and was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary. The officers say they have evidence to show that her sweetheart, a sportive young farmer, who lives near Webb City, really committed the theft. When she was arrested she would not inform on her sweetheart, and now pleads guilty and takes a penitentiary sentence rather than be disloyal to him. She will be taken to Jefferson City.

In Jasper county, a few days ago, Bud Moss, who had just completed a sentence in jail for stealing wheat, was rearrested on a charge of forging a check for \$150, signing the names of his father and a neighbor named Peter Hill. His work was cleverly done, and the note sold to the Carthage bank. When arraigned on the charge of forgery he entered a plea of guilty, and got a sentence of two years. Moss has gained a wide notoriety during the past two years. Some months ago he ran away with his mother-in-law, who was 72. Moss, it seems, is well connected, but he started out some time ago to make a record.

CAPT. MAHAN'S VIEWS.

The Commander of the Cruiser Chicago Interviewed on the Battle Off the River Yalu Between the Japanese and Chinese - The Difficulties of the Position of the Latter Pointed Out and Commented On.

LONDON, Sept. 24.—The United States cruiser Chicago sailed yesterday afternoon for Havre where she will be docked. She will return to Gravesend in ten days to take coal. Shortly before the Chicago sailed a representative of the United Press went on board of her and obtained an interview with Capt. Mahan, her commander, on the recent naval battle between the Japanese and Chinese fleets. Capt. Mahan said:

"The great thing with a fleet of war vessels with a lot of transports in charge is to prevent surprises or embarrassment. In this case there was a surprise, and this fact, to my mind, supplies a prominent lesson. It is necessary in attempting to convey transports that the conveying fleet should be decisively superior to that of the enemy, but the Chinese fleet was much embarrassed by the presence of their transports. I am inclined to think that the Chinese admiral formed in fleet so close in shore because he was obliged to do so. If he had gone out to meet the Japanese fleet, which was the proper course, he would have uncovered the mouth of the river into which the transports had gone. Consequently he drew up close in shore, by which movement he was tactically embarrassed in maneuvering. If his fleet had been much larger than the Japanese he might have advanced, at the same time leaving a sufficient number of vessels to head off a rush which the Japanese might have made.

"The whole affair illustrates the difficulty attending an attacking movement across the water unless you have control of the water absolutely. Whether the Chinese succeeded in their object it does not appear, but the question is whether it was worth such a risk for the sake of landing troops. It certainly was bad management to fight so close in shore, for two of the Chinese vessels had not the room to turn and so went ashore. That is one reason why the Japanese did not try to pass through the Chinese line, for they would have got into shallow water and become entangled.

"It was a big engagement for modern vessels, but I see nothing yet to lead me to suppose that the engagement will point to the reconstruction or remodeling of war vessels. The details so far are very meager. I don't know anything about the manner of attack, but doubtless before long the Japanese will give full information. I don't even know what was the formation of the Chinese fleet in resisting the attack. All that is clear is that the Japanese were on the offensive and the Chinese on the defensive. I only wish I had more time to write what I have to say. What interests me most, is to know the manner in which the battle was fought. Upon this point we have got nothing. But the great lesson is in the risk of attempting to carry a great force across water. As a general rule such an attempt is unsafe. Nevertheless, the mere existence of a hostile fleet does not constitute such a detriment upon the resolute man who sees that the object of his attempt is sufficient to justify the risk. It remains to be seen whether the object the Chinese accomplished was sufficiently important to justify the risk she took.

To a naval man the most interesting thing will be to know in what order the Japanese fleet approached the Chinese, whether it was concentrated upon part of the Chinese line or spread out over the whole line. I have no time to say more, as I have too much ship work to carefully study the matter."

THIS IS RELIABLE.